



Morningside State School



Morningside Messenger

Principal News

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to another newsletter.

NAPLAN

Today saw our Year 3 and 5 students sit the Language Conventions and Writing aspects of NAPLAN Testing. Our Year 3 and 5 teachers, along with other support staff have ensured that our students have prepared well for this testing. Testing will continue tomorrow with Reading and on Thursday with Numeracy. Thanks to parents for supporting your children to access these tests in a calm manner.

Cyber Safety Talks

Students from Year 4, 5 and 6 attended a session on Friday in regards to keeping themselves safe online. We had some parents attend and feedback from those parents was very positive, saying they were really happy they had attended and were impressed with both the delivery and the content of those sessions. Please take the time to talk with your children about what they learnt on the day.

The main messages of the session were:

- being a positive digital citizen
- protecting personal information
- standing up for others online
- never speaking with strangers
- using privacy settings
- keeping passwords secret
- speaking up to an adult about online experiences

Under 8s Day

Staff have been busy organising Under 8's Day which we are celebrating on Tuesday 23 May. Parents are welcome to attend. Siblings not yet at school are also welcome. If you have a neighbour who has young children, invite them also for a fun morning! Proceedings kick off at 8:45am in the hall.

QParents

Thanks for the uptake on this invitation. Throwing competition out there I must commend the Year 2 parents on their active interest with 1/3 of families having signed up. I realise it is somewhat difficult for those families from overseas, but it is imperative that security be maintained on this site.

Wendy Hoskin

Principal

Deputy News

I have had the pleasure of being in classrooms teaching, classroom profiling and supporting everyday over the last fortnight. It's been great!

Deb Bryant (Director of Tiny Art) has begun teaching art to each of our classes. This Term each class will receive an art class from Deb. This serves as an opportunity for teacher professional development and provides our students with a visual art class. The collages below show PRK enjoying their Tiny Art class. PRK were creating a class canvas that will be entered into the auction on Friday 4th August at our Peg & Line Art Show. Well done PRK.

Active School Travel

At Monday's assembly the Brisbane City Council Active School Travel performers presented. We are one of the highest performing schools selected to be an Active School Travel school. Each week we celebrate the top 3 classes at assembly and each Term Councillor Shayne Sutton supports our school by giving away a scooter.

Be Active and Walk Safely to School on Friday 19th May

Friday 19th May 2017 is Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk safely to school. It promotes road safety, health, and the environment.

To celebrate Walk Safely to School Day, our school is encouraging walking on this day.

Being part of the Active School Travel program, we are already leading by example and encouraging our students to actively travel every week.

Being part of a national day also shows our students they are part of a much bigger, national movement encouraging healthier habits and a greener environment.

So join in the fun, be active and healthy, and walk to school with your child on the 19th May.

Have a great fortnight,

Sam Lovegrove

Deputy Principal

QParents

Thank you to all those parents who have registered for QParents. This is an exciting new way of communicating with us!

Parents who have already logged into QParents are enjoying the ease of paying for invoices, registering absences, viewing past academic report cards and updating student details at their own convenience - anytime, anywhere.

If you don't have enough identification points, please contact the office so that we can assist you to gather certain documentation. This is a simple process, but does require you to attend the office.

If you haven't received an invitation from us yet, there's still time! Please let us know immediately so that we can assist you. If you are simply looking for further information, videos and FAQs on QParents, visit <https://qparents.qld.edu.au>

Curriculum News

Sounding Out is a strategy students can use when they come across a word they don't know. Sounding Out means you blend the sounds in a word together without stopping between each sound. For example, when children use Stretchy Snake for a word like *ship*, each letter sound is stretched out to make the word, *ship =sh iii p*. It is important that smooth blending of letter-sounds is developed to avoid a segmented sounding out of letters individually. Sometimes the word may need to be repeated to encourage saying the word as a whole and not in its sound parts. This [short video](#) shows what Stretchy Snake looks like.

Reading Tips of Parents of Developing Readers

The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child:

- *Once is not enough.* Encourage your child to reread favorite books and poems. Rereading helps children to read more quickly and accurately.
- *Dig deeper into the story.* Ask your child questions about the story you've just read. Say something like, "Why do you think Clifford did that?"
- *Pick books that are at the right level.* Help your child pick books that are not too difficult. The aim is to give your child lots of successful reading experiences.
- *I read to you, you read to me.* Take turns reading aloud at bedtime. Kids enjoy this special time with their parents.
- *Talk, talk, talk.* Talk with your child every day about school and things going on around the house. Sprinkle some interesting words into the conversation, and build on words you've talked about in the past.
- *Don't leave home without it.* Bring along a book or magazine any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's office. Always try to fit in reading!

Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress

Reading Eggs is a valuable reading and comprehension resource which is available to students through the Student Resource Scheme. Students should have received their logons and passwords – please contact your class teacher if you have any problems.

Reading Eggs uses essential keys to reading success to unlock aspects of *learning to read*. It focuses on a core curriculum of phonics and phonemic awareness, sight words, vocabulary, comprehension, and reading for meaning.

Reading Eggspress is aimed at students aged 7 and upwards. Whereas Reading Eggs is a learning to read program, Reading Eggspress is a *reading to learn program*. **Reading Eggspress covering essential comprehension, spelling, grammar, and vocabulary skills.** Children can progress at their own pace with highly interactive **one-on-one reading lessons** and a balance of literature and informational texts. The Reading Eggspress Library consists of **over 2 000 online books**. These books cover a wide range of genres to suit children of all ages and reading levels.

Students can access Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress via www.readingeggs.com.au or by downloading a FREE app for the iPad from iTunes.

Shannon Henderson, Head of Curriculum

Books for Bubs

To encourage the love of reading from an early age, we have established a 'Books for Bubs' program. All families who have welcomed a new baby **during the last six months** are invited to register with the office to receive a fabulous book pack!

This book pack contains an early reader book and 'Reading Magic' by Mem Fox. 'Reading Magic' is an important read for parents as it discusses how children learn to read, and the vital role that reading aloud at home plays in children's development.

Register with the office by calling 3908 2333 or emailing admin@morningsss.eq.edu.au

The book pack will then be presented to you or your eldest child during one of our Monday assemblies.

Fire Truck Visit

Last week our local Cannon Hill Fire Station visited our Year 1 students. The students were treated to an instructional lesson about the equipment used by fire fighters and some very important information about procedures to follow during emergencies. The students had so much fun using the high pressure fire fighting hose!

School Banking

School Banking Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a School Banking Volunteer needed for a couple of hours on a Thursday or a Friday morning.

If anyone is able to help out please email admin@morningsss.eq.edu.au and we will forward it onto the Banking Co-ordinator.

Thanks

School Banking News

The awesome new **CommBank Youth app** is here!

The app lets your child:

- check the balance of their Youthsaver account;
- view School Banking deposits in their transaction history;
- track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect;
- set up savings goals and track progress; and
- create a list of chores/jobs they can do to earn pocket money.

Get started

1. Download the CommBank Youth app on any iOS 9+ device.
2. Your child can securely log on to the CommBank Youth app using their NetBank client number (only one child can log on per device). If your child hasn't got a NetBank client number, drop into your nearest CommBank branch with your driver's licence and child's birth certificate.

P & C News

P & C Day

This Friday May 12th is P&C Day! We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic volunteers for their contributions to our amazing school.

As a P&C we are proud to present a varied programme of events and activities at Morningside State School. This wouldn't be possible without the parents, teachers and members of the wider community who regularly give up their time and energy. Thank you to each and every one of you!

P&C Fundraising and Events

If you would like to put your name down to help with one of our events this term please email vicepresident@msspandc.com.au to be added to the notification list. Events this term include the Eco Fair (June 3), movie night (June 16), working bee (May 21) and the Bunnings sausage sizzle (May 13).

Can you spare a raffle prize?

Bunnings have kindly agreed to let us hold a raffle at our fundraising BBQ on the weekend. If you have any prizes that you are happy to donate please email vicepresident@msspandc.com.au. We are very happy to accept either complete prizes or items that could be included in a hamper. Thank you!

The Eco Fair needs your recyclables!

Can you spare any of these recyclables? We plan to use them for creative activities at our Eco Fair on June 3rd. Please drop CLEAN items off in the box outside the P&C / OSCH office.

- 1.5 or 2 litre clear plastic soft drink bottles
- plastic bottle tops (milk bottle tops are ideal)
- old crayons or pencils
- twine
- egg cartons
- beer bottle tops
- good quality clothes (for our op shop)
- hessian sacks
- clothes rails
- hangers

Environmental Club Matters

Environment Club Matters...

We've had a busy start to Term 2 looking after the herbs and veggies in our new community garden and preparing ground for the free native plants we will get from BCC later in the term. We've also enjoyed these wonderful visitors to our Wednesday Club...

Tangalooma EcoMarines

On 19 April we were excited to have a presentation by Kylie Roche from the Tangalooma EcoMarines (<http://www.tangaloomaecomarines.com/primary-school-program>) - a unique environmental education program aimed at developing environmental leadership among students of all ages, their schools, social and sporting clubs, community organisations and local businesses. We heard about the fantastic program they run to support primary schools based in southeast Qld.

Each school appoints a support teacher and four student EcoMarines ambassadors to lead 'environmental challenges'. The EcoMarines program provides the challenges and the resources needed to complete them, working closely with the support teacher and student ambassadors to help with challenges and speak at school assemblies. They also host multiple events throughout the year for support teachers, student ambassadors and their families.

EcoMarines ambassadors are having a positive influence in their schools and local communities. They acquire environmental, communication and leadership skills and take action across southeast Queensland, reducing plastics and litter in our waterways and contributing to long-term positive change for Moreton Bay.

Stay tuned for more exciting news on this program.....

Bunnings - ANZAC commemorative planting

We are working with the lovely Alex, Community Activities Coordinator from Bunnings on a number of projects, the first of which saw Bunnings generously donate some 'Gallipoli' Rosemary to MSS which we planted with Alex's help just after Anzac day in our memorial garden.

The story goes that a wounded digger returned from Anzac Cove in 1915 with sprigs of Rosemary and this was preserved in the hospital grounds where he was being cared for and is said to have been used for medicinal purposes. Cuttings have since been grown and distributed Australia wide. More details can be found here (<http://www.avenuesofhonour.org/leafy-legends/gallipoli-rosemary/>)

We will continue to work towards seeing our outdoor classroom (where the chicken coop used to be) come to life and we're so thrilled to be involved in organising our schools very first **Eco-fairfor World Environment Day** on June 3rd. (12-5pm) **Save the Date!** There will be workshops, market stalls, info stalls, games and kids crafts, music, and yummy food and drink all with a sustainable living twist!! Come and say hello at our Club stall.

Save Paper

On **Wednesday May 17th** MSS is going **Paper Free** for the entire day!! This will kick off the countdown to our inaugural Eco Fair and support our upcoming annual commitment to Schools National Tree Day (July 28) in partnership with Planet Ark and Toyota.

By going paperless for the day, we hope it will spark lots of discussion where we will learn as a school how we can save paper and save our precious trees.

Classes will be encouraged to replace an activity that usually requires paper with one that doesn't and commit to these **Paper Free Challenge Rules**

- No photocopying
- No printing
- No worksheets
- No handouts
- No letters going home
- Litter free lunch

Watch out for Konnective messages for more on this!

Thanks for reading!

Chappy News

Hi everyone my name is Grant Lea and I'm the new School Chaplain. As with your previous Happy Chappy my role is to be a safe person for young people to connect with at school, to provide a listening ear, a caring presence, and message of hope. This at times may involve caring for students struggling with a wide range of issues, including: family problems, confusing relationships, friendship issues, peer pressure, self-esteem issues, bullying and stress and anxiety.

I am in my tenth year as a school chaplain and have previously worked in a number of primary school in the Bundaberg Burnett Region. I am currently a Chappy at another Primary school and a Special School in Brisbane as well as here at Morningside. I am here 2 days per week: Mondays and Fridays. Throughout the year you'll see me running positive activities and providing support in and around the school. Keep looking out for more Chappy News on Konnective, on notice boards, in the newsletter or on Facebook, and if you want to say hi, or ask more about what I do I'd love to have a chat when you're next at school.

Just a reminder about the Mother's Day High Tea Supporting Chaplaincy in the GLC Schools, it is this coming Friday. If you intend to come along and have yet to purchase your tickets see the details below to book your seat.

Food for Thought

There are times in life where what you are going through seems impossible. But I have learnt that just about everything we go through is not an insurmountable challenge. With tenacity and sometimes with the help of some others you can overcome and make it!

Our Impossible can be I'm Possible. Just do not give up!

I'm looking forward to what comes our way for the rest of the year here at Morningside, I will help support students, families, and staff, and partnering together we will have many things to celebrate by the end of 2017. I look forward to continue to meet you all over the coming term.

We're all in this together

Chappy Grant grantl@chappy.org.au

Yellow Ribbon Week For Our School Crossing Supervisors

Yellow Ribbon Week 8-14 May 2017

Yellow Ribbon Week is your opportunity to say thank you to our School Crossing Supervisors.

School Crossing Supervisors have an extremely important role in our community - to promote road safety among young children and educate them on how to use a supervised crossing.

School Crossing Supervisors play a vital role in keeping our children safe. They improve the safety of travel to and from school for students in the city, regional and remote areas, with children as they walk, cycle or travel by bus or car to school.

In hot, cold or wet weather you will always see the supervisors on the crossing, ensuring children's safety.

Supervised crossings are an important part of Transport and Main Roads' road safety program with the school crossing supervisors the unsung heroes of school road safety.

This week is Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week when we say thank you to those who assist us on the roads and help us stay safe. So, thank you to all our school crossing supervisors. Your commitment to road safety is invaluable to our community.

Dates To Remember

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Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 May	NAPLAN *see schedule under Curriculum News
Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 May	Mother's Day Stall before school
Saturday 13 May	MSS Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings 8am to 5pm
Monday 15 May	Premier's Reading Challenge commences
Wednesday 17 May	P & C Meeting 7pm
Sunday 21 May	P & C Working Bee 8am to 11am
Tuesday 23 May	ICAS Digital Technologies for Years 3 to 6 Under 8s Day
Wednesday 24 May	National SimultaneousStorytime
Friday 26 May	P & C Meet & Greet 5pm at Morningside Panthers Footy Club
Tuesday 30 May	ICAS Science for Years 2 to 6
Wednesday 31 May	Street Science for Years 5 & 6 in Hall
Saturday 3 June	World Environment Day Eco Fair 12 noon to 5pm
Tuesday 13 June	ICAS Writing for Years 3 to 6

Tuesday 13 June	ICAS Spelling for Years 2 to 6
Friday 16 June	Movie Night in Hall
Wednesday 21 June	P & C Meeting 7pm
Friday 23 June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 26 June to Friday 7 July	Winter school holidays
Monday 10 July	Term 3 commences